September 5, 2023

State of New York
2679 Route 8
County of Hamilton
Town of Lake Pleasant

A Meeting of the Lake Pleasant Town Board was held on September 5, 2023 at the Lake Pleasant Library 2864 State Route 8, Speculator, NY 12164. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., to make approvals, give reports, establish organizational tasks, and conduct any business that may come before the Board.

The following were present:
Supervisor: Betsy Bain
Councilman: Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, RaChelle Martz and Katherine O'Connell
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent - Randy LaVarnway
Nancy Seifts (budget officer)
Guests: Jody Small and Josh Troxel from Hamilton County Treasurers office

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Moment of Silent Prayer for Lynn Blanchard, Marion Wilbur and Bill Dievendorf
Lynn Blanchard was an employee for the town, working at the transfer station from 2002-2018 when she retired. Lynn was a hardworking, faithful employee who was liked by all.
Marion Wilbur was involved in the town library for many years, helping with many events and projects. She and her husband Paul worked on the pathways and she was a lifetime member of the Historical Society.
Bill Dievendorf worked for the town for many years maintaining the town's RO systems. He was very reliable and worked well with homeowners and employees.
All three of these individuals will be deeply missed.

Resolution #98 To approve the minutes of August 21, 2023
Offered by: McGovern
2ND by: Braunius
Discussion: none
Be it resolved, that the minutes of August 21, 2023 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius and Martz
Nays: None
Absent: O'Connell

Hamilton County Treasurers office employees, Jody Small and Josh Troxel came to answer questions the board had regarding, the quotes for software programs, that are needed to do the towns accounting. Software quotes came from the town's current company, Springbrook, and the company that the county uses which is Tyler technologies.
Motion to go into discussion: Bain

2nd by: Martz

Discussion: Bain asked if board members had any questions or concerns. McGovern asked Small and Troxel about the pros and cons of each of these quotes. Jody explained that both software's are cloud based so data is always safe in the cloud. Present software, KVS/Springbrook and Hamilton County's current program, Tyler, are better software compared to software in the past which could be lost without physical routine backups. Bain mentioned that with Tyler, town officials will be able to go into the system to find what they need without calling up to the county for finance information. (O'Connell joined the meeting) Treasurers office was figuring 120 extra hours of training needed if the Town decides to go with Springbrook that will be less if the town goes with the program that the treasurer's office is already using. Seifts asked if the town would need an additional computer for use with new software and Jody explained that no, because new systems both use the cloud on employees' already existing computers. Current software is so outdated that it can't be downloaded or imported to the new software. Six years of current accounting will get saved from the KVS system to a working system and the remaining data history will be archived. McGovern gives his support in the direction of Tyler software because the county employees are already familiar with them. Springbrook will cost more if employees need to learn the new system. Jody explained that officials can log in and see what funds are in what lines at any time and alleviate county treasurers' office of extra steps.

Resolution #99 Lake Pleasant Town Board to Adopt the Tyler Systems contract for Town Accounting Purposes to be implemented in January of 2024 at Hamilton County Treasurers Office.
Offered by: O'Connell
2nd by: McGovern
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell
Nays: None

Highway:

- LaVarnway reported to the board that he talked with Dean at DOT in Indian Lake about the paving being done by the state on Rt. 30. He was told that paving and line marking is not going to happen soon. They are not sure that it will get done this week. Discussion went around the table on how unsafe this unfinished road is at night without the lines on the road and thick fog. Board members offer to call DOT. LaVarnway expects to hear from them tomorrow and will let board members know.
- Town bridge project on Fish Mt. Rd. was ahead of schedule with concrete. There was a five day wait for concrete to cure. Today they should have been back to the project with the next step which is the crane, yet they did not show up today. LaVarnway will inquire tomorrow.
- In the bills there was sand blasting and painting of plows which was done on the state truck so that it is ready for winter.
- Ditching on Page Street is happening, culverts will be replaced next year.

- Hauling sand for winter has started.
- Waiting on the grinder for town side roads that are getting repaved. These roads that are prepped for paving will have to wait until the grinder is available.
- Town HWY helped the county by hauling material for the fish hatchery parking lot that is now level with the highway on Rt. 30. Chips to get laid down to minimize runoff.
- A resident spoke with Bain and LaVarnway about the Oxbow Lake to Sagandaga Lake snowmobile trail. LaVarnway explained that he went to residents and found that the proposed new trail would go within 25 feet of one resident's house so that would not work. Unless NYS lets the trail go on some state land, reroute might not be possible. An alternative option is to take the trail from the end of Fawn Lake trail to Woodmere Dr. down to the end of Fawn Lake Rd. with signs and postings. LaVarnway spoke to law enforcement and DEC for support. McGovern asked if there was any result with contacting the snowmobile association about trying all options. LaVarnway said it would be a miracle for the state to allow this at this time and another miracle for it to happen before mapping of trails will be done. Discussion continued around the table with Braunius asking if LaVarnway considered going the other way through where Tamarack Rd. trail intersects. LaVarnway explained that there is a ROW there that is privately owned. It was discussed that the eight-foot Arietta trail is too narrow for a NYS corridor trail. Braunius mentioned that even if paperwork gets in the works, it will take time to put in motion. McGovern asked if the board could put in motion tonight to open the roads for a temporary trail for this year. O'Connell wants the town to research other options but have a temporary trail just for this year. Bain mentioned that opening the road to snowmobiles is a disaster. The board continued to discuss alternate routes resulting in the following:

  Resolution #100 The Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board Approved Designating Oxbow Lake Trail from Woodmere Dr. onto Fawn Lake Rd. to the End as a Temporary Conveyance for 2024 Snowmobile Season with posted signs.
  Offered by: McGovern
  2nd by: Braunius
  Adopted by the following vote:
  Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell
  Nays: None

- LaVarnway asked the board for $310 for classes at the Highway fall convention at Turning Stone Resort.

Resolution #101 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board Approves Moving Funds from Highway Contingent Line A.1990.400 to Highway Contractual Line A.5010.400 so that Highway Superintendent can Have Funds to Go to Highway Conference.
Offered by: McGovern
2nd by: Martz
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell

Nays: None

- LaVarnway presented quotes to the board, one from John Deer for a Backhoe and one for a loader. Loader already has a reserve fund to replace the existing loader in five years. Backhoe that was demoed will not work because it doesn't have a thumb. Martz asked if the attachments are universal and LaVarnway responded that they are universal attachments. Parts will remain in-house. Braunius asked about the scheduling of the loader replacement and LaVarnway replied that it is next year. Budget is for $150,000 but prices went up to $190,000. O'Connell asked about when the backhoe is supposed to be replaced. LaVarnway said that it will not make its replacement time. LaVarnway gave the board info on these pieces of equipment.
- Bain asked about the new garbage truck and LaVarnway said still no news on it.

Old Business:

1. **Short Term Rentals –**

Resolution #102 Town of Lake Pleasant Town Board to Approve Creating and Funding B.8010.403 for Code Enforcement, Short Term Rentals for $250.00 to be Offset by Funding Revenue Account B.2590 Permits, Short Term Rentals $250.00
Offered by: Braunius
2nd by: O'Connell
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell
Nays: None

This Saturday Bain got her first complaint about a short term rental. There were several cars and tents etc.
Once the rules are enacted September 1- October 31, then Bain can contact Steve Page and move forward with complaints.
Bain mentioned that a town down state, Town of Shawangunk has taken our ideas and are starting to work on theirs.

2. **Community Garden -**
   Planning a work date to get all accomplished in one day. The fence is in and down at the community gardens. Posts that are present need to be checked to see if they are the same as the new posts. Looking for topsoil and compost.

New Business:

1. **Budget Officer –** Nancy Seifts reported to the board that she got the 2024 budget sheets and has distributed them to the committees and department heads to get their budgets rolling for 2024.

2. **Consolidated Health –** Meeting was held on August 22 and adopted the 2024 budget. One line that wasn't being used was decreased and a new line was added for SVAC. Bain will contact Ken Kurt to see what SVAC might need. A unanimous donor donated $5,000 to the Primary Care.

Committee Reports –

- Braunius mentioned that a streetlight was out on Oxbow Rd. Board questioned if it was a new LED light.
- McGovern mentioned Rt 30 and his disappointment that it is not finished. He mentioned forgoing the conference for the past few years and that it is a worthwhile investment for officials in the coming future. February 18-21 is the conference in NYC. Officials are to let Betsy and Smith know at town hall so this conference can be budgeted for this in the coming year.

Youth Recreation –
Martz mentioned waiting on the report between Arietta and Lake Pleasant. O'Connell has asked Laura O'Brian about the ski program for the coming year.

Resolution #103 Motion to pay Bills: Abstract #33 dated 08/28/2023, #2968-2973 in the amount of $33,525.42. Abstract #34 dated 08/31/2023, #2974-2991 in the amount of $16,409.74.
Offered by: Martz
2nd by: McGovern
Discussion: O'Connell asked about the MVP bill with double copies. Smith explained that the double was due to an original and one that was scanned and sent up to billing. Copy usually gets removed before bills are signed but wasn't this time.
Crystal Clean crusher cleaning was explained as a parts washer for the shop.
Tax on youth rec. end of year party will get eaten.
O'Connell asked what NYP class is that Barbara Tracy is going to, Smith replied that it is a Planning board class.
Adopted by the following votes:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Braunius, Martz and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment: None

Roundtable:
- Braunius mentioned that Rt. 30 is dangerous, and he will call DOT. He will also look into the light out on Oxbow Rd.
- Martz mentioned that she and Bain attended Adirondog Suits and Treats grand opening and if you have dogs check it out.
- September 16th will be the Annual Vicki Hoover Memorial Jeep ride to raise funds for the scholarship account to send students to trade schools.

- Braunius asked about the Adirondog culvert and Bain explained that Smullen's office has all of the information and is trying to expedite the approval process.
- O'Connell announced that the Apple Fest will be the 23rd of September. Please attend, it is a wonderful fundraiser for several groups.
- Wednesday October 11th at 3:00 PM will be the adopt a highway event sponsored by the Lake Pleasant Library.
- Bain read a message from the board of elections about false people going door to door impersonating County Board of Elections staff. They are confronting voters regarding their registration status and accusing voters of committing a crime because they appear in the state voter database more than once. Please call the Sherriff if they come to your door.
- Bain mentioned that in the wake of Bill Dievendorf's passing his replacement does not do commercial units only residential. LaVarnway called RMB about doing the work. If they take the work on, they will service all the systems. Bain has not contacted homeowners and doesn't plan to until we hear back from RMB. Bain asked LaVarnway to check on the old system that was replaced to see if it is at the garage or if Bill took home to do rebuild as planned. Bain mentioned that Bill was generous with billing the town.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday September 18, 2023, at 7PM at the Lake Pleasant Library

***ON A MOTION BY**: Don Braunius **2ND by:** Martz
To Adjourn @ 8:11 P.M.
All in Favor
Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk